

# Library

**Mission.** The Wichita Public Library is a community-focused system which actively provides access to resources, services, and facilities to meet the informational, educational, and leisure needs of adults and children in the greater Wichita area.

**Overview.** The Wichita Public Library operates a central downtown facility, two district or regional libraries, and nine neighborhood branches. District and branch libraries offer service Mondays through Saturdays, and the downtown library is open seven days a week. Each library facility contains a broad range of popular reading materials, including books, magazines, and newspapers. Music, videos, and artwork are available for checkout. Access to the Internet is available at workstations in several facilities. The library system also offers a variety of reading and other community outreach programs to the citizens of Wichita.



*A Junior Volunteer at the Rockwell District Library assists with the Reading Club program for children.*

The library system's long-term strategy is to consolidate several of its smaller, less-utilized libraries into regional libraries. The strategy is consistent with recommendations from a 1993 consultant study that suggested the majority of the existing branch libraries in the city be closed and library services centered at larger, regional facilities in the north, south, east, and west sections of the city. Pursuant to the recommendations, preliminary plans have been made to develop and construct a new regional facility in the southern quadrant of the city.

The Wichita Public Library consists of five operating divisions: Administrative Services, Adult Public Services, Extension Services, Public Service Support, and Youth Services. The Extension Division supports the operating budgets of all district and branch facilities.

Operating resources include the General Fund and various grants. Donations from the Friends of the Library and the

Wichita Public Library Foundation fund various special projects.

**Finance and Operations.** The 2000 budget reflects a 3.1 percent increase over the 1999 adopted budget. The increase is driven by a combination of new service enhancements that address the needs of young people and families, as well as the safety and security of library patrons, staff, and materials.

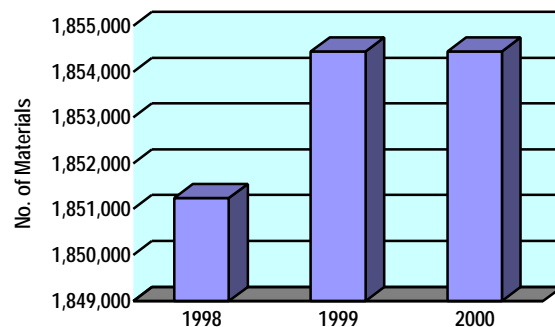
Major Service Levels			
	1998	1999	2000
Reference questions fielded	383,361	383,400	383,400
Registered Borrowers	105,129	110,100	115,100
Program Attendance	39,099	40,000	40,000

The budget includes allocations for additional children's books, a new neighborhood reading program for children, and the restoration of Sunday afternoon operating hours at several of the most highly utilized branch libraries. In addition, funds are included to improve the speed and efficiency associated with receiving and responding to citizen calls.

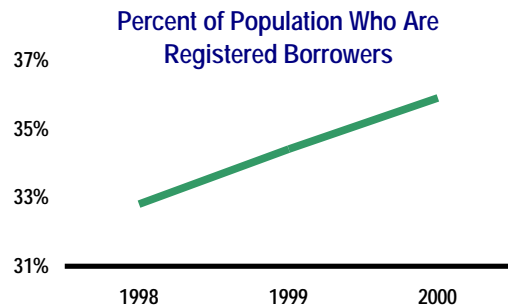
In 1998, the Wichita Public Library circulated 1,851,240 library materials, responded to over 383,360 citizen reference inquiries, and registered just under 39,100 people in its various programs. Service levels are expected to rise slightly in 1999 and 2000, with an emphasis on increasing the number of registered borrowers and boosting program attendance, particularly among young people.

Circulation averaged 5.8 items per capita in 1998, with an average cost of \$2.72 per item. In 1998, 32.8 percent of Wichita's citizens were registered patrons of the City's library system. The percentage is expected to increase in 1999

## Annual Circulation



and 2000, due largely to targeted outreach efforts in Wichita public schools and in conjunction with cooperative programs administered within the school district. The efforts will complement new children's reading resources that are included in the budget.



Selected Performance Measures			
	1998	1999	2000
Circulation per Capita	5.8	5.8	5.8
# of Uses of Library Services per Capita	9.0	9.0	9.0
% of Population Registered Borrowers	32.8%	34.4%	35.9%
Program Attendance per 1,000 Population	122.1	124.9	124.9
Avg. Cost per Item Circulated	\$2.72	\$2.72	\$2.72

Library Budget Summary					
	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	2001 Approved
Personal Services	3,468,949	3,679,200	3,524,630	3,720,320	3,791,600
Contractual Services	745,982	703,540	725,810	719,410	740,670
Commodities	673,776	666,220	663,360	673,820	669,760
Capital Outlay	2,782	5,400	0	0	7,540
Other	149,690	0	0	100,000	100,000
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>5,041,180</b>	<b>5,054,360</b>	<b>4,913,800</b>	<b>5,213,550</b>	<b>5,309,570</b>
Total Local Source Revenue	5,041,180	5,054,360	4,913,800	5,213,550	5,309,570
Total Grant Source Revenue	533,710	513,200	513,200	513,200	513,200
<b>Total Operating Resources</b>	<b>5,574,890</b>	<b>5,567,560</b>	<b>5,427,000</b>	<b>5,726,750</b>	<b>5,822,770</b>
<b>Position Summary</b>					
Total full-time	82	82	82	83	83
Total part-time	45	45	45	45	45
Total FTE	104.5	104.5	104.5	105.5	105.5